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REPLY TO CARRANZA DEMAND READY

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(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, June 15.—The Administration is prepared for intervention in Mexico as the only apparent escape from the present tangle, officials said today. President Wilson and Secretary Lansing put the final touches to their note, which will reject flatly Carranza's demand for withdrawal, and is expected to result in armed resistance to the American expedition.

"We had no choice," an administration official declared. "Carranza has done nothing but obstruct our efforts to clean out the bandits and annoy us with insolent reflections on the President's Mexican policy. In the face of the most recent note, withdrawal was impossible."

While the President and Secretary were at work on their reply to Carranza news was received of the border raid in which the camp of the 14th cavalry at San Ignacio, Tex., was attacked and three troopers killed.

Punitive steps against those responsible for the new depredation were left to the discretion of the border commanders, whose standing orders are to pursue into Mexico any hot trail they find.

Carranza Notified of Attack.

The development, however, immediately was called to the attention of the de facto government, and will be one of the elements on which the Administration will predicate its declaration that the time for withdrawal is not yet ripe because Mexican troops are not properly policing the border country.

Advices from Mexico have convinced the Administration that popular sentiment will not permit Carranza to delay longer his threatened attack on the Pershing expedition. The Carranza government is faced with overthrow as the only alternative to armed opposition.

The State Department, since the receipt of Carranza's note on May 31, has called to its attention numerous cases of border raids, anti-American demonstrations, and other alleged evidences of his lack of control in Northern Mexico. This information was sent to prepare the way for the note which may be sent today or tomorrow. It has been held up until the National Conventions are over.

It is expected here that President Wilson's note will be answered by an ultimatum from Carranza, fixing a time limit within which the American forces must withdraw or meet armed resistance.

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Mexican Election in September.

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